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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 1, characterised in that 13 wherein X is chlorine.
3. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 1, characterised in that 13 wherein n is 1.
4. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 1, characterised in that 13 wherein Y is haloalkyl.
5. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 4, characterised in that wherein Y is trifluoromethyl.
6. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 1, characterised in that

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13 wherein X is chlorine, n is 1 and Y is trifluoromethyl.

7. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 6, characterised in that
wherein the compound of general formula (I) is 2-aminomethyl-3-chloro-5-
trifluoromethylpyridine.

8. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 1, characterised in that
13 wherein the temperature is chosen is in the range of from 35 to 50° C.

9. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 1, characterised in that
13 wherein the pressure of hydrogen is chosen is in the range of from 2 to 30 bar.

10. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 9, characterised in that
wherein the pressure of hydrogen is chosen from 10 to 20 bar.

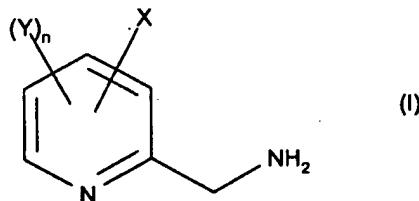
11. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 1, characterised in that
13 wherein the Raney nickel is introduced in a weight ratio of from 1 to 20% with respect to
compound of general formula (II).

12. (Currently Amended) Process according to The process of claim 7, characterised in that

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wherein the temperature is chosen from 35 to 50° C. and the pressure of hydrogen is chosen from 10 to 20 bar and Raney nickel is introduced in a weight ratio of from 1 to 20% with respect to the compound of general formula (II).

13. (New) A process for the preparation of a 2-aminomethylpyridine derivative of general formula (I)

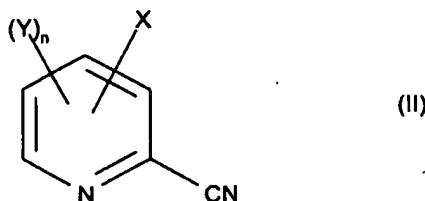


wherein

n represents 0, 1, 2 or 3,

X is a halogen atom,

each Y, which may be the same or different, is selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, halogenoalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, and alkylsulphonyl, or a salt thereof; comprising hydrogenating a 2-cyanopyridine derivative of general formula (II):



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in which n, X, and Y are as described above,

in acetic acid using Raney nickel, at a temperature of from 30°C to 70°C, under a hydrogen pressure of from 1 to 50 bar.

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